



MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE MEETING APRIL 30, 2009

At the

Little Rock Training Center
300 E. Roosevelt Road
Little Rock, Arkansas

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leroy Brownlee, Chairman
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
John Felts, Commissioner
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner
John Belken, Commissioner
Joseph Peacock., Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS:

Carol V. Bohannon, Attorney
Ernest Sanders, Jr., Attorney
James L. Williams, II, Attorney

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Sharon Lewis, Management Project Analyst

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

William "Dubs" Byers, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, AR Correctional Schools
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction
Jeff Tillman, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Don Barnes, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's (AG's) Office
Solomon Graves, User Support Analyst/ACA Coordinator, ABP
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Assistant, ABP
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Assistant, ABP

Called to Order

Brownlee called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of April 16, 2009 Minutes

Carpenter moved,

Felts seconded. Motion carried.

Population Reports

The Board reviewed reports submitted from: ADC, DCC and ABP. It was noted that Arkansas Department of Correction had a population of approximately 15,000 inmates. Department of Community Correction is supervising 19,880 parolees.

Approximately 200 inmates were approved for the Emergency Powers Act (EPA).

Attorney General's Office

Mr. Barnes gave an update on the pending lawsuit filed by inmate Dale Cristee – ADC #70265. A pre-jury hearing is scheduled in November. Ms. Christine Booze, Assistant Attorney General is handling the case.

Hearing Examiners' Reports

The Hearing Examiners presented their reports.

Ms. Bohannon extended gratitude to everyone during the illness and passing of her father-in-law.

OLD BUSINESS

Training & ABP Updates: Mr. Graves distributes copies of each board member's training hours. The board was requested to look at other resources in obtaining additional accredited training hours, if needed.

Mr. Graves stressed to board members and staff to submit their training certificates to him for verification of training hours received.

Mr. Graves will be providing a report to the Board on their recent visit to the Pine Bluff Parole Office.

The next inmate panel discussions will be held on May 7th at the Tucker – Tucker Max Unit and on May 12th at the McPherson Unit.

The Chairman inquired on who will be taking the lead role in obtaining Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses for *Peacock* and the Hearing Examiners. Mr. Graves will handle.

Belken informed the board of the upcoming Arkansas Criminal Justice conference to be held in Hot Springs, May 27th – May 29th.

Peacock inquired of the total number of training hours that was needed for board members and what was the time frame in obtaining them. Mr. Graves replied: 40 hours were needed and the time frame was October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009.

On-line training will not be available until the next fiscal year.

The Board meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The May 09 Parole Hearing Calendar and Schedule were discussed.

Special thanks were given to Mr. R. T. Spivey, Director of the Little Rock Training Center; for the use of his facility. Mr. Spivey gave brief remarks regarding the history of the center.

The next Victim Input Hearing is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Little Rock Training Center due to the lack of air conditioning in the building for ABP.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

The Board reviewed the listing of victim input hearings that were conducted during April.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Mays moved.

Carpenter seconded the motion to ratify the units. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

LEROY BROWNLEE
CHAIRMAN

RICHARD L. MAYS, JR.
SECRETARY

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION VOTES BY UNITS**

APRIL 2009

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
BENTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CUMMINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DIAGNOSTIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EAST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MISSISSIPPI CO.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NEAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OUACHITA REGIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PINE BLUFF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RANDALL L. WILLIAMS CORR.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SWAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VARNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WRIGHTSVILLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: RESCINDS & TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290'S SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS, EMERGENCY POWERS ACT (EPA), ETC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BY: RICHARD MAYS, JR. SECONDED BY: ABRAHAM CARPENTER, JR.

RATIFICATION DATE: APRIL 30, 2009